

**Education Cabinet**

**Kentucky Board of Education**

**Department of Education**

**(Amendment)**

**702 KAR 5:010. Pupil transportation: technical assistance and monitoring.**

RELATES TO: KRS 156.160, 157.370, 189.540

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 156.070, 156.160, 157.370

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 156.160 and 189.540 require the Kentucky Board of Education to promulgate administrative regulations relating to the physical welfare and safety of public school children, the transportation of children to and from school, and the operation of school buses; and KRS 157.370 references the method of calculating transportation costs for the state public school funding program. This administrative regulation establishes guidelines and procedures whereby the Department of Education may offer direct assistance to the school districts in these areas: service to the pupils, school bus safety, and economy of operation.

Section 1. The Department of Education may make safety inspections of school buses and special type vehicles either owned by the board or contracted to the board being used to transport pupils to and from school, held in reserve as substitutes for this purpose, or proposed for this purpose. If any of these school buses or special type vehicles are found to be in an unsafe condition, the department may prohibit further use for the

1 transportation of pupils until the conditions causing them to be unsafe shall have been  
2 corrected.

3 Section 2. The Department of Education may make inspections of bus driver training  
4 records. If a school bus driver training record is found to be out of compliance, the  
5 department may decertify a driver whose training records are out of compliance until  
6 proper corrections are made.

7 Section 3. All vehicles used for the transportation of pupils shall meet the minimum  
8 safety standards for Kentucky school buses of the same model year except as provided in  
9 702 KAR 5:060, Section 6 (2), and 702 KAR 5:130, Sections 1 and 2.

10 Section 4. The Department of Education may make a district pupil transportation system  
11 survey or audit in any school district providing transportation for its pupils, or that is  
12 planning to provide transportation for its pupils.

13 Section 5. The Department of Education may require the superintendent of a school  
14 district to prepare or cause to be prepared: pupil transportation maps, bus route  
15 descriptions, and reports necessary for calculating the district's entitlement under the  
16 Support Education Excellence in Kentucky Program.

17 Section 6. The Department of Education shall be responsible for the training and approval  
18 of state school bus inspectors.